### 2010 Census

### Goals, Challenges, Partnerships and Timelines



Maryland State Data Center
Affiliate Meeting
June 17, 2008

#### Goals for 2010 Census

- Increase mail response
- Improve overall accuracy and reduce differential undercount (undercount of minority populations traditionally higher than non-minority population)
- Improve cooperation with enumerators

### Challenges

- Increased diversity
- Growing concerns about privacy and security
- Immigration debate
- Deepening distrust of government
- Getting the questionnaire returned promptly

### Plans for Overcoming Challenges

- Partnership specialists working with communities and Complete Count Committees
- Bilingual census forms delivered to areas with high concentrations of "Spanish Assistance" households
- Census form translated into 5 languages Spanish, Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, and Russian

### Plans for Overcoming Challenges- cont'd

- Language Assistance Guides available in 50 languages via the internet
- Language Guides in 22 languages available by calling Telephone Questionnaire Assistance line
- 2010 Planning Database with characteristics identifying Hard to Enumerate areas

## Be Counted Sites and Questionnaire Assistance Centers

Be Counted Sites

– where people
go to pick up a
form if they feel
they were missed

**April and May 2010** 

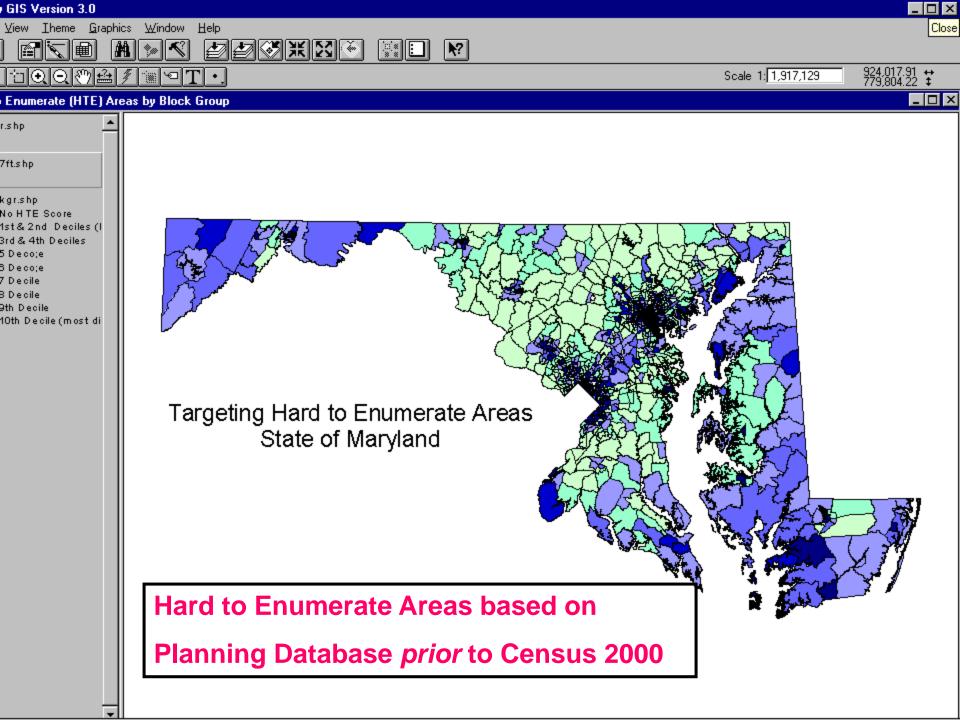
**Paid QAC representatives** 

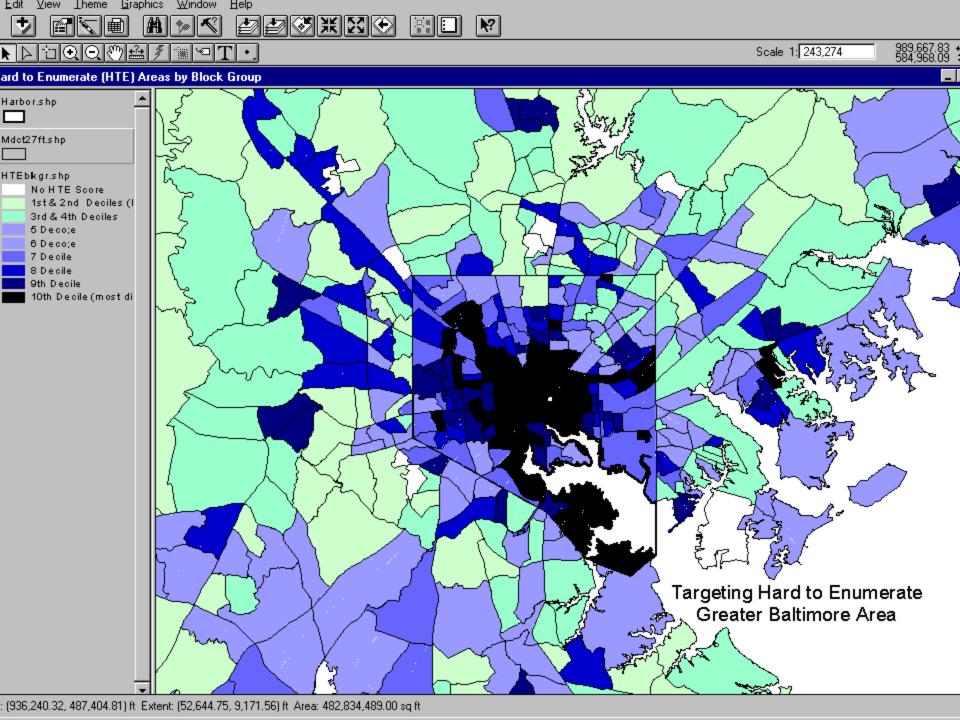
QACs – locations where individuals receive assistance completing their questionnaire

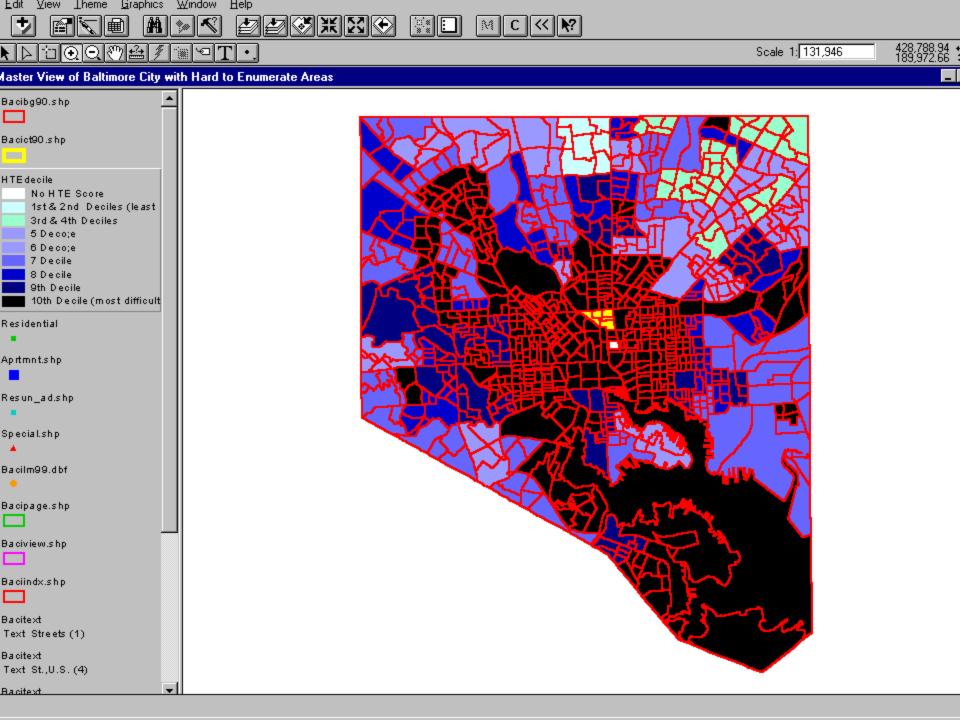
30,000 QACs and 40,000 Be Counted sites in community locations

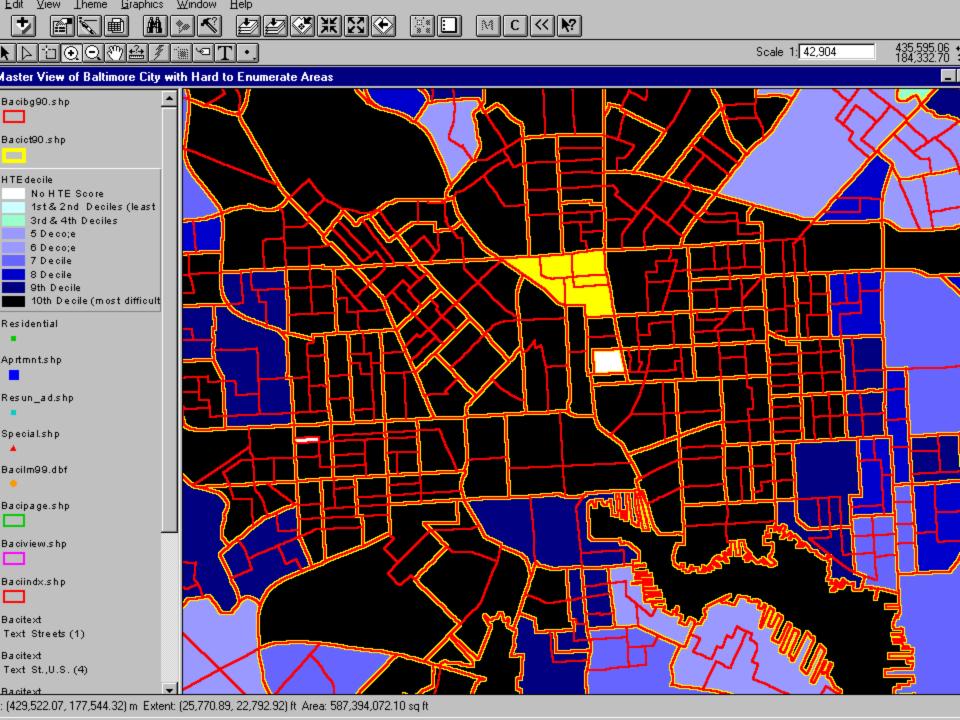
# Increasing Awareness in Hard to Enumerate Areas

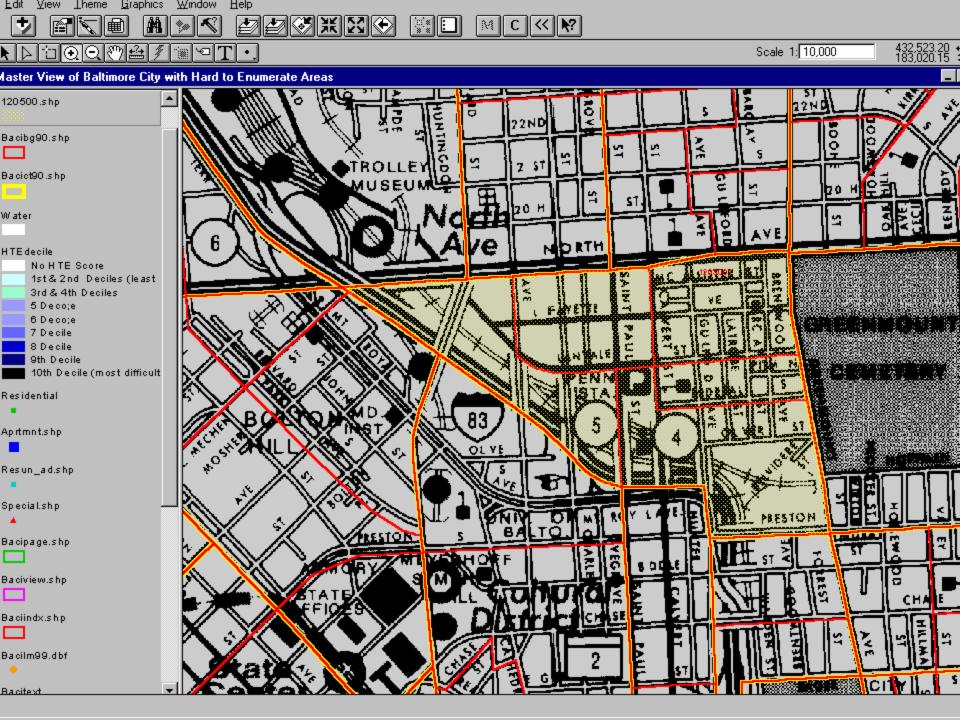
The Census Bureau's 2010
Planning Database can assist
locals in concentrating their efforts

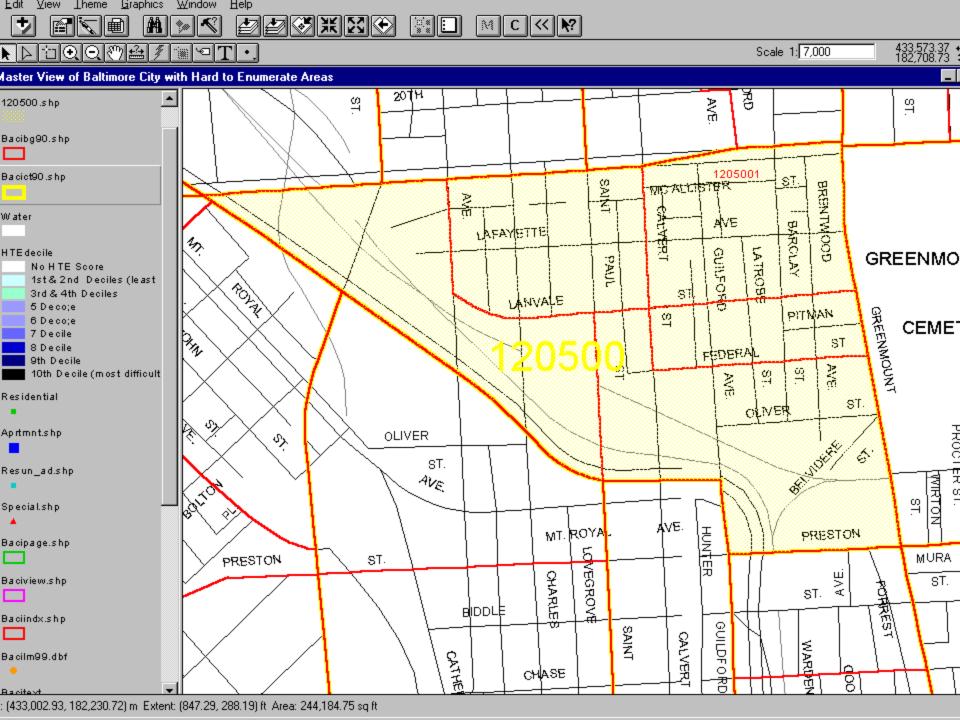


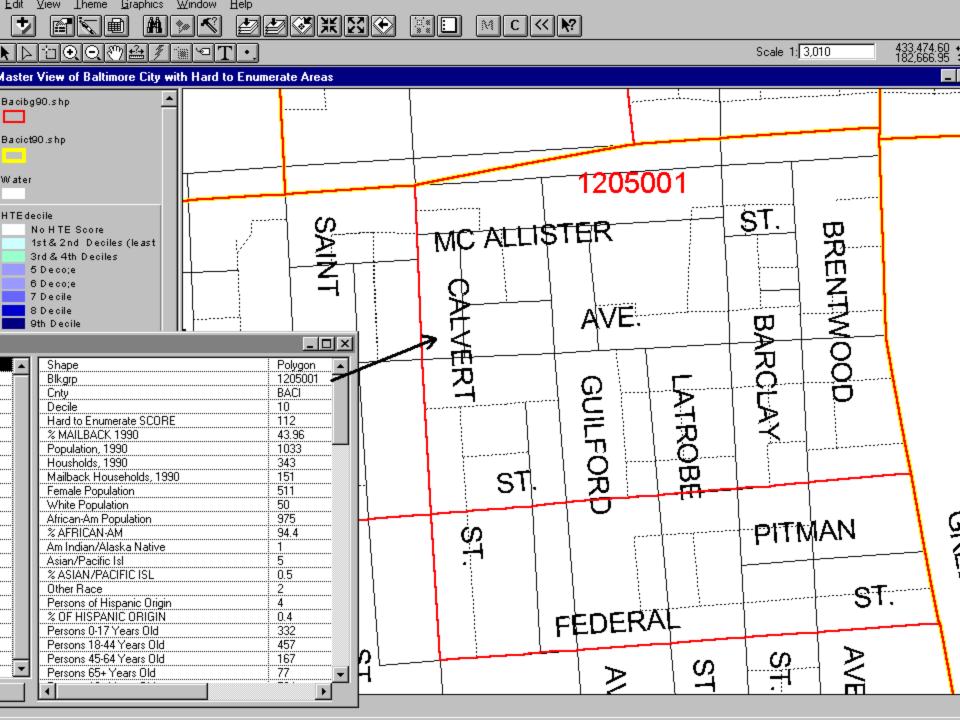


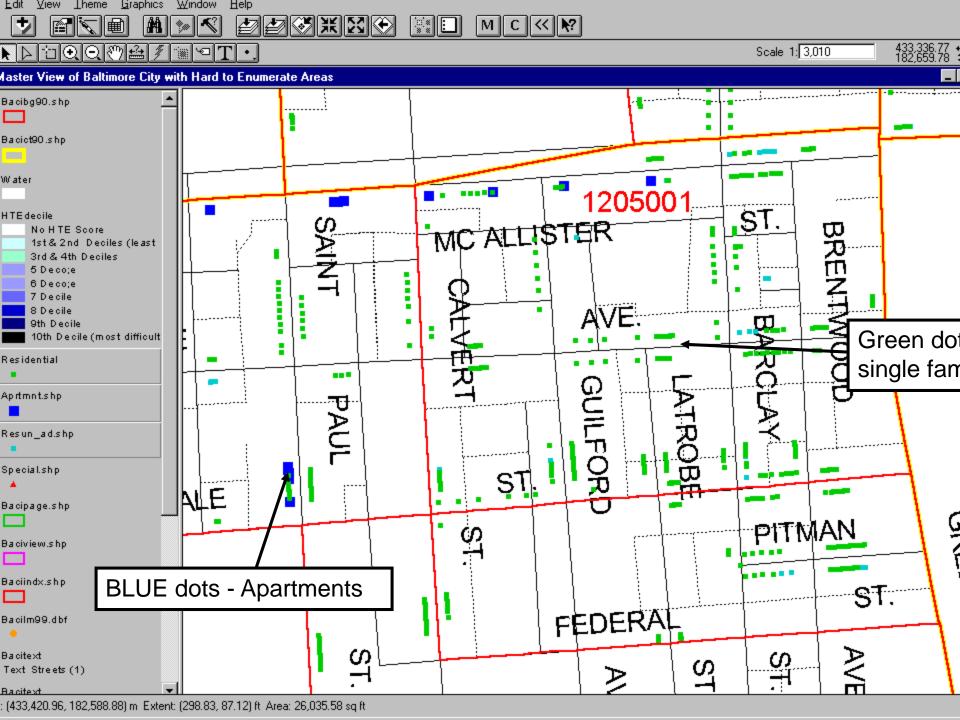












### **Partnerships**

- National, State, Local
  - State Data Centers
  - Census Information Centers
  - Complete Count Committees
  - Elected Officials
  - Volunteers, faith based organizations

## Public Relations Campaign Census Bureau

- Drop in articles
- Talking points
- News releases
- Local events/tours
- Outreach items in languages other than English (posters/flyers)
- Promotional items
- TV/Radio/Outdoors advertising

### Timeline Questionnaire Delivery

March 8-19

March 15-17

March 22-24

APRIL 1, 2010

April 6 -15

Advance Letter

Questionnaire

Reminder Postcard

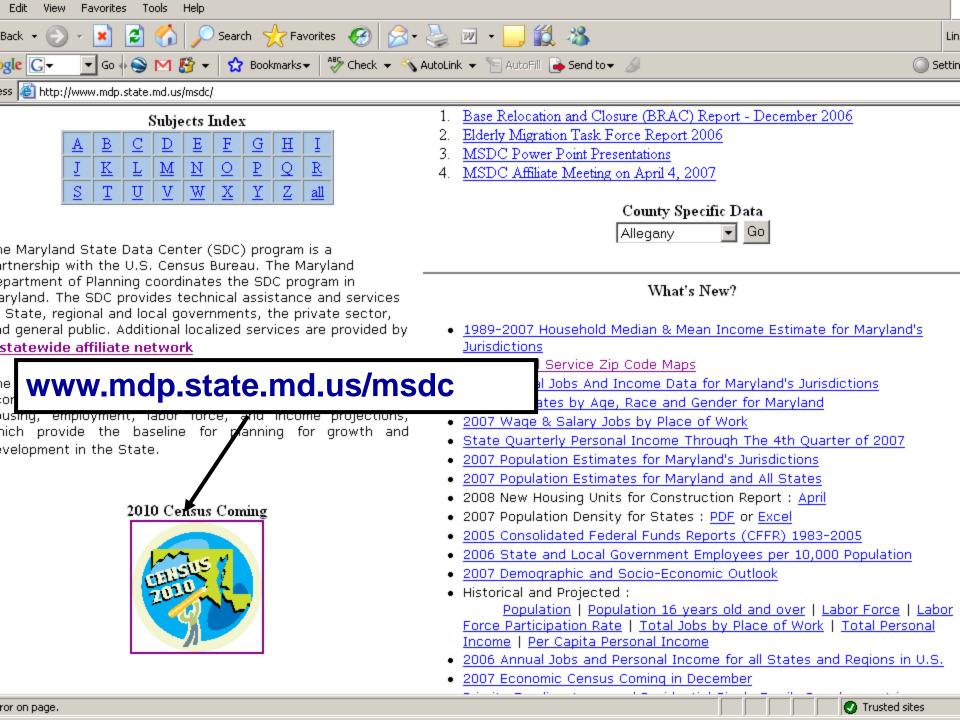
**CENSUS DAY** 

Replacement

Questionnaire

### What Can We Do To Help?

- Advertise job openings
- Provide space for interviews and testing
- Assist with setting up Complete Count Committees
- In 2010 prior to March put up posters, flyers and other outreach materials promoting the Census
- Provide space for Questionnaire Assistance Centers
- Locals may help to identify census tracts with language assistance problems



## 2010 Census Less Than Two Years Away But Who's Counting?

